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SUBJECT: FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR TO VISIT
WASHINGTON: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR LIONEL STOLERU INFORMS ME THAT HE IS PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 20-24, AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH USG OFFICIALS FEBRUARY 21, 22 AND 23. BECAUSE OF HIS LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, I RECOMMEND THAT HIS REQUEST BE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION.

2. BACKGROUND: STOLERU HAS BEEN THE SECOND-RANKING MINISTER IN THE LABOR MINISTRY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. HIS MAIN ASSIGNMENT IN THIS POSITION HAS BEEN TO IMPROVE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR BLUE COLLAR WORKERS SO AS TO ATTRACT MORE FRENCH CITIZENS INTO THIS TYPE OF WORK AS OPPOSED TO FOREIGN LABOR. HOWEVER, STOLERU IS ALSO INTERESTING FOR OTHER REASONS. HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR MANY YEARS IN BOTH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE PRESIDENCY. HE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON GISCARD'S THINKING ABOUT ECONOMIC MATTERS. FOR HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, WHICH STOLERU SAYS HAS GISCARD'S BLESSING, HE WOULD LIKE TO

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DIVIDE HIS TIME BETWEEN DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND HIS CURRENT AREA OF INTEREST IN LABOR.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR STOLERU AND HAS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETINGS:

4. ECONOMIC POLICY

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS. MR. STOLERU SPENT SOME TIME AT BROOKINGS, WHERE HE BECAME PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH MR. CHARLES SCHULTZE. HE WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT: UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON

STATE DEPARTMENT: UNDER SECRETARY COOPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

NON-GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC POLICY: COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) AND ESPECIALLY AFL-CIO

LABOR AND EDUCATION POLICY: DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND HEW

4. BIOGRAPHIC: STOLERU SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND WILL NOT NEED AN INTERPRETER. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS POLYTECHNIQUE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINES. HE IS CREATIVE, INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS, AND DYNAMIC. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WILL FIND HIM AN INTERESTING SOURCE OF INSIGHT INTO FRENCH THINKING ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.
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